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The issues currently in the instant application are as follows:

- Claims 1 and 3-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2003/0119481 (Haverinen) in view of US 2003/0099219 (Abrol).

Applicant traverses the outstanding rejection and requests reconsideration and withdrawal thereof in light of the remarks contained herein.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) -Haverinen and Abrol

Claims 1 and 3-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2003/0119481 (Haverinen) in view of US 2003/0099219 (Abrol). As the Examiner has stated, Haverinen does not show “including an indicator [to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed] in a registration request message [containing the selected public land mobile network identifier] and transmitting the registration request message.” See paragraphs [0042]-[0043] of Haverinen, which clearly describe sequential single-selections of PLMNs without use of any indicator of whether a substitute PLMN is allowed.

Abrol does not overcome the acknowledged deficiencies of Haverinen. Paragraph [0030] of Abrol envisions that an MS 103 may move from the service area of a previous PDSN 140A to the service area of a new PDSN 140B. This would involve the MS 103 sending an Enhanced Origination Message (EOM) to the Radio Access Network 131 to switch from the previous PDSN 140A to the new PDSN 140B followed by details of implementing the PDSN switch-over in paragraphs [0039]-[0042]. The EOM of Abrol indicates the new PDSN, which would correspond to the “target PLMN” of claim 1, but neither Haverinen nor Abrol show or suggest including “an indicator to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed” as recited in claim 1. Instead, the PDSNs of Abrol are switched without use of any indicator of whether a substitute PLMN is allowed.

Thus, claim 1 is not unpatentable over Haverinen and Abrol. Claims 3-9 and 24 depend directly or indirectly upon amended claim 1 and thus are also not unpatentable over Haverinen and Abrol.

Because there is no need, motivation, or teaching in Haverinen and Abrol to create a registration request message including a selected public land mobile network identifier and an indicator indicating whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed as described in claim 1, then there is no need, motivation, or teaching in Haverinen and Abrol to extract a selected public land mobile network identifier and an indicator from a registration request message as recited in claim 10. Thus, claim 10 is not unpatentable in view Haverinen and Abrol. Claims 11-16 depend directly or indirectly upon claim 10 and thus are also not unpatentable over Haverinen and Abrol.

Independent claim 17 is not unpatentable over Haverinen and Abrol for the reasons outlined above, namely that Haverinen and Abrol do not show or suggest “determining whether the selected PLMNid corresponds to a shared radio access network (RAN); forming a registration request message with the selected PLMNid; including the indicator in the registration request message, if the selected PLMNid corresponds to a shared RAN; and transmitting the registration request message from the UE.” Haverinen’s broadband access network (BAN) may form part of a shared radio access network, but nowhere does Haverinen show or suggest the step of “determining whether the selected PLMNid corresponds to a shared radio access network (RAN).” Instead, each PLMN of Haverinen is treated separately without reference to a shared BAN. See Haverinen paragraphs [0038]-[0043]. Claims 18-22 depend directly or indirectly upon amended claim 17 and thus are also not unpatentable over Haverinen and Abrol.

Regarding claim 23, Haverinen and Abrol fail to show or suggest “setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed” and “including the indicator in the registration request message” as discussed previously. Thus, claim 23 is not unpatentable in view of Haverinen and Abrol.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Haverinen and Abrol is respectfully requested.

S U M M A R Y

The application is in condition for allowance and a favorable response at an early date is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number indicated below.

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